



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1743
PATENT

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 05552-1442

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Ralf OTTO et al.) Group Art Unit: 1743
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Application No.: 09/551,581) Examiner: B. Gordon
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Filed: April 18, 2000)
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For: CLOSURE APPLIANCE FOR)
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2003. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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